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Aloha Charter Commission Members,

Congratulations!! Without any influence from my April 29 E-mail message repeated below, you reached the correct decision. The change to a Manager form may have merit, but it deserves much more detail "fleshing" before being placed on a ballot. I'm certain you will take even more flak from those citizens who were hoping for a change in the County form of government - although they were just "hallucinating" that this was going to solve all the problems. Undoubtedly, I am probably among the very few who applaud your wise decision to shelve the proposal. You (all of you Commission members) are doing a great job in thoroughly considering the myriad of proposals submitted and I wish you success in getting the final list down to a manageable level for placing on the ballot.

Respectfully, Murray Hudson

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Aloha Charter Commission,

Reference your current proposed ballot item to change the form of government which states that "The Council would hire and fire the County Manager". Perhaps my first impression is incorrect, but this indicates to me that the powers of the Council would be all encompassing - i.e. both legislative and administrative since they would apparently be in a position to dictate how the Manager performs his tasks. At least they would have the power to fire the Manager if they did not agree with his management actions.

Would this also mean that the Council has the power to hire and fire the Police Chief? Or at least to appoint the Police Commission if such commission still existed under the new form? Would the County Attorney be

subordinate to the Council? Many other questions on redistributing the current administrative powers of the Mayor if that position is deleted.

The Manager form has many pluses, but our current elected Council seems inept in performing their designated functions and already appear to prefer administrative powers. (This may just be several cases of "Mayor wanabe's"). I'm not sure how to establish a check and balance if the Council has absolute County government power.

Thanks again for the excellent ongoing task your group is performing.

Mahalo,

Murray Hudson, Princeville (1996 Charter Review Commission Member)